

HOUSE BILL 2855
By Hackworth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 14; Title 49, Chapter 7; Title 50 and Title 67, Chapter 4, Part 20, relative to employment training.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-2006(b)(2), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(R) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the value of health insurance premiums that are paid by a taxpayer for an employee of the taxpayer who received TennCare benefits within five (5) years of such health insurance premiums being paid. The deduction provided by this subdivision shall apply only in the tax year in which the taxpayer provides such health insurance premium payments. Any taxpayer paying such health insurance premiums must maintain adequate records to prove that the requirements of this subdivision have been met.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 14, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 4-3-1418. Persons who received TennCare benefits within five (5) years of seeking assistance from career centers shall be given priority in skills and training needs. Career centers shall identify deficiencies in employment skills of persons who have received TennCare benefits and shall assist in remedying such deficiencies. Career centers shall also assist in assessing employers' needs and training persons to meet such needs. Career centers shall assist in preparing job applicants for employment interviews, in developing resumes, and assisting persons to find employers seeking to expand their workforce.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.